MASSACHUSETTS BAY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
TRANSPORTATION BUILDING
100 SUMMER STREET, SUITE 1200
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02110
NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Electronic proposals for the following project will be received through the internet using Bid Express until the date and time stated below, and will be posted on www.bidx.com forthwith after the bid submission deadline. No paper copies of bids will be accepted. Bidders must have a valid digital ID issued by the Authority in order to bid on projects. Bidders need to apply for a digital ID with Bid Express at least 14 days prior to a scheduled bid opening date.

Electronic bids for **MBTA CONTRACT No. G65CN01, HAVERHILL LINE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT WILMINGTON JUNCTION TO LOWELL JUNCTION, MASSACHUSETTS, PROJECT VALUE - $8,985,000.00, (CLASS 1 – GENERAL TRANSIT CONSTRUCTION, VALUE - $8,985,000.00, CLASS 3 – TRACKWORK, VALUE - $1,223,100.00, CLASS 6 (A2) – TRANSIT SIGNALING, VALUE - $6,719,639.00)**, can be submitted at www.bidx.com until two o'clock (2:00 p.m.) on **August 23, 2016**. Immediately thereafter, in a designated room, the Bids will be opened and read publicly.

Work on the Haverhill Commuter Rail Line will consist of improvements to the existing track alignment, construction of new tracks through select segments, new or improved interlockings, a second track, a new train control signal system, replacement of Automatic Grade Crossing Warning Systems (AGCWS), upgrade of existing at-grade highway crossing track and roadway surfaces, the retirement of portions of the existing train control signal systems and AGCWS and the demolition of select existing turnouts, crossovers and track segments as indicated. These improvements will be made while the existing commuter line service and freight line service continues to function.

This Contract is subject to a financial assistance Contract between the MBTA and the Federal Railroad Administration of U.S. Department of Transportation. FRA Participation is 80 percent.

Each prospective bidder proposing to bid on this project must be pre-qualified in accordance with the Authority's "Procedures Governing Classification and Rating of Prospective Bidders." Copies may be obtained from the Contract Administration Office at the above address. Requests for prequalification for this Project will not be accepted by the Authority after the tenth (10th) day preceding the date set for the opening of bids.

Prequalified bidders may obtain from the Contract Administration Office a "Request for Bid Form" which must be properly filled out and submitted for approval.

Bidding documents may be downloaded from the MBTA FTP site, or delivered on CD via Fed Ex. Documents will be available starting at 9:00 AM on **July 22, 2016**. Contract Specifications and Drawings shall be available in portable data file (.pdf) format. Interested parties may request FTP site credentials or Fed Ex delivery of the project documents on CD by completing the request form on the project page at:
http://www.mbta.com/business_center/bidding_solicitations/current_solicitations/

Bidder's attention is directed to Appendix 1, Notice of Requirement for Affirmative Action to Insure Equal Employment Opportunity; and to Appendix 2, Supplemental Equal Employment Opportunity, Anti-Discrimination, and Affirmative Action Program in the specifications. In addition, pursuant to the requirements of Appendix 3, Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Participation Provision, Bidders must submit an assurance with their Bids that they will make sufficient and reasonable efforts to meet the stated DBE goal of 16 percent.

Bidders will affirmatively ensure that in regard to any contract entered into pursuant to this solicitation, minority and female construction contractors will be afforded full opportunity to submit Bids and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex, age, or national origin in consideration for an award.

Bidders will be required to comply with Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Regulations and the President's Executive Order No. 11246 and any amendments or supplements thereto. Bidders will also be required to comply with the Governor's Executive Order No. 481, prohibiting the use of undocumented workers on State Contracts and any amendments and supplements thereto.

A prebid conference will be held on **August 3, 2016** at 10:00 a.m. at 195 Andover Street, 2nd Floor, Andover, Massachusetts. Any request for interpretation of the Plans and Specifications should be submitted in writing prior to or at the pre-bid conference.

Authorization for the Bidders to view the site of the work on the MBTA's property shall be obtained from the Project Manager, Eric LeGuelaff**.** The Authority will conduct an inspection tour of the site on **August 3, 2016**. Bidders are requested to be present in front of the Lowell Junction Grade Crossing near 35 Lowell Junction Road, Andover Massachusetts, at 11:00 a.m. to participate in the tour. Bidders are advised that they should have representation at this tour as no extra visits are planned.

Bidders will be required to certify as part of their bids that they are able to furnish labor that can work in harmony with all other elements of labor employed or to be employed on the work.

This Contract is subject to Federal wage and hourly laws and minimum State wage rates as well as all other applicable labor laws.

Bidders are advised that the "Buy America" provisions of the Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1982 (Pub. L-97-424) as amended, apply to any Contract, procurement or agreement which results from this solicitation.

Bid Guaranty shall consist of a bid deposit in the amount of five (5) percent of the value of the bid, in the form of a bid bond, cash, certified check, treasurer's or cashier's check.

The successful Bidder shall be required to furnish a Performance Bond and a Labor and Materials Payment Bond each for the full amount of the Contract price.

The Authority reserves the right to reject any or all Bids, to waive informalities, to advertise for new Bids or proceed to do the work otherwise, as may be deemed to be in the best interests of the Authority.
This information may be viewed at the MBTA website:
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Date: July 22, 2016

By: Stephanie Pollack
Secretary and Chief Executive Officer of MassDOT

Brian Shortsleeve
Acting General Manager of the MBTA